PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Sugges-

tions Made.

L. A. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.—It is not apparent why an honorable discharge has been refused if once properly made out and ready for issuance. If there is a charge of descrition standing on the roll at the War Department, it may possibly be removed under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1889. There will be no expense in the matter beyond the cost of execution of papers and the attorney's fee, if you employ an attorney. L. A. D., Brooklyn, N. Y .- It is not apyou employ an attorney.

are taken into consideration, whether due to the service or not, and disability incident to age is also considered; whereas under the general law only disabilities proven due to the service and line of duty are taken into consideration. All evidence filed in the Pension Bureau is preserved there, and can be referred to in any future claim filed by the pensioner or his there, and can be referred to in any future claim filed by the pensioner or his heirs. Unless you can furnish very strong evidence in support of a general law claim, medical evidence in the service or at discharge in the absence of a record of the disability at the War Department, it would not be advisable for you to undertake to prove up a general law pension claim on the war of rebellion at this late date. It seems to be considered by the Pension Bureau that a person entitled to pension will apply for the same with reasonable promptness, and that the longer he waits the stronger the presumption he waits the stronger the presumption that his claim is not good,

O. B. J., Nashville, Ill.—Under the general law the date of marriage of the widow to the soldier is immaterial.

H. B., Indianola, Iowa.—You perceive that the Pension Bureau exercises the right to revise or wholly reject the reports of Examining Surgeons. As the Pension Bureau appears to have rejected your claim, notwithstanding the ratings given at various times by Examining Surgeons, probably your appeal will meet with fa-

Ex-Prisoner.—It was probably a mister ference, take of the Pension Bureau in sending a tal, 615.

DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

PART PENSION TITLE, DESERT-ED WIFE-ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899 .-In the cases of Henry N. Rothery and James J. Richards (Ass't Secretary Campbell, Sept. 5 and 15, 1900), it is held that applications for part pension were not valid and could not properly be con-sidered if filed within six months after the date of the act, March 3, 1899, authorring payment to deserted wives and children of invalid pensioners. The reason of this is that the law is prospective and not retroactive, and a period of desertion prior to the reason of the second of the second prior of the s to the passage of the act connot be considered, as it must be shown that a state of desertion has existed for at least six months since the passage of the act and before the filing of the application. In the cases referred to, the wife-claimants filed applications before six months after March 3, 1899, and their applications were allowed and part-pensions since paid them, but it is held that these payments must now be refunded to the pensioners.

The decisions also lay down the rule that the desertion must be actual, through the willful absence of the pensioner, con-trary to the wish of the wife. In the cases referred to it appears that the pen-sioners' wives refused to live with them allow them to live at home t is held, does not constitute desertion on the part of the pensioners.

REMARRIAGE AND DIVORCE-PENSION TITLE.—In the pension case of the widow of Samuel B. Kirkland, the 'from the bonds of matrimony" from sec and husband. The validity of her see marriage was not in question before the court and appears to have been entirely

The decision (Ass't Secretary Campbell, Aug. 24, 1900) says: "When this claimant entered into a valid marriage contract with Jackson she effectually destroyed, in the eyes of the law, her status as the widow of Kirkland, and no court in any tablishment of a Soldiers' Home on the State could restore her to her former pensionable status and rights as the widow

status as widow was destroyed by her own act. The law destroyed her status as the wife of Jackson." This decision reaffirms the long-settled

doctrine that has governed pension prac-tice, that unless the divorce shows and Seclares the remarriage null and void from the beginning the widow's pension status is not restored by a divorce after remar-

LINE OF DUTY-PRESUMPTION.

practice and in harmony with the spirit of the pension laws to presume that an injury of the nature described in this case, at such a time and under such circumstances, was received in the line of duty, even though there were no eye-witnesses even though there were no eye-witnesses are not little Branch Home in the late storm at Galveston may cause some to think that the site we propose is some to think that the site we propose is the Grand Army of the Republic declare we shall not have even one little Branch Home in the entire South.

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for a severe injury or disease, and the records of such hospital are intact, that record is presumed to show treatment; if it does not, the reasons why the record is silent should be satisfactorily shown. If there were, as a fact, eye-witnesses to an alleged incurrence of an injury, the testimony of such eye-witnesses should be obtained or satisfactory reasons given why such eyidence is not produced. Whether such evidence is not produced. Whether the injury was incurred in time of peace, in a battle, in a crowded community, in

Mrs. M. S., Norfolk, Va.—The pension laws make no provision for brothers and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors, except those who were under 16 at the date of the common law or under any statute that I have ever seen, and such statements in said decision will be disregarded and held as of no weight.

of death of the deceased. Application must be filed before the claimants become 16.

J. U., Togus, Me.—It is impossible to say how high a rating a pensioner now drawing, say, \$10 under the act of June 27, 1890, would receive under the general pension law. Under the act of 18:00, though the rates are lower, all disabilities are taken into consideration, whether due

vised as to what, if any, evidence was lacking, and all without avail. Under

blank for you to make application under the act of 1890 as amended by the act of May 9, 1900.

Army invalid (act of June 27, 1890):
Original, 408; increase, 659; additional, 121; reissue, 20; restoration and renewal, 50; restoration and renewal by transfer-ence, 3; restoration and renewal and rels-sue, etc., 4; restoration and renewal and reissue, etc., by transference, 1; supplemental, 5; duplicate, 85; accrued, 133; total, 1,489,

Army invalid (war with Spain): Original, 55. Army widow, etc.: Original, 68; duplicate, 5; accrued, 1; total, 74.
Army widow, etc. (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 297; reissue, 4; supplementals, 1; duplicate, 22; accrued, 2; total,

Army widow, etc. (war with Spain):

Army with Spaint: Original, 20.
Navy invalid: Original, 5; increase and additional, 11; reissue, 1; restoration and renewal, 2; duplicate, 1; accrued, 3; to-Navy invalid (act of June 27, 1900): Original, 22; increase and additional, 13;

reissue, 4; restoration and renewal, 2; du-

ditional, 1,130; reissue, 65; restoration and renewal by transference, 33; restoration and renewal composed of ladies, furnished the music. and reissue, etc., 5; restoration and renewplaimant admitted remarriage subsequent al by transference, 9: supplemental, 6: d to the soldier's death, but proved a divorce plicate, 168; accrued, 278. Total, 2,766.

BRANCH HOME IN SOUTHLAND. Texas Veterans Believe Themselves Entitled.

and Will Urge Action by Congress.

coast of Texas surprises me. I am at a of Kirkland.

"Claimant is now a fermme sole; she is neither widow nor wife in the law. She is a divorced woman, and can obtain no more rights under the pension law as the widow of Kirkland than she can under the common law as the wife of Jackson. Her status as widow was destroyed by her tatus was the widow of kirkland than she can under the common law as the wife of Jackson. Her tatus was the widow of kirkland than she can under the common law as the widow of kirkland than she can under the common law as the widow of kirkland than she can under the common law as the wife of Jackson. Her tatus was the wife of Jackson was the was the way from Lompoc, Cal. The Campfire was held at the Presbyterian Church, and consisted of patriotic songs, short addresses, consisted of patriotic songs, short addresses, consisted of patriotic songs, short addresses, consisted the way from Lompoc, Cal. The Campfire was held at the Presbyterian Church, and the the way from Lompoc, Cal. The Campfire was held at the Presbyterian Church and the content of the plan for establishing a better with the way from Scholks, October 10 and 11, when 101 and the typical was the way from Scholks, or was the way from Scholks or was the way from Lompoc, Cal. The Campfire was severed to roll call. One comrade came all the way from Scholks or was the way from Scholks or was the way from Scholks or was the way from Sc loss to account for such action. I first widow of Kirkland than she can under the common law as the wife of Jackson. Her soldiers in this vicinity and numerous citizens, to Congress, asking that a commitzens, to Congress, asking that a commit-tee be appointed to examine the location, building, etc., offered. The petition was introduced by our Representative in Con-gress and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. The large expense of military affairs in the Spanish War and the war in the Philippines have so far prevented a favorable report by the commit-tee, but I had hoped for a favorable re-port from the Nationel Encampment, and —In the pension case of William D. Mitchell (deceased), it is held (Ass't Secretary Campbell, Sept. 11, 1900), that "When prior soundness is shown, and a reasonable degree of proof that the injury complete, 100 chairs, a cooling-range, etc., was sustained in the service is furnished, all at their own expense, if the Govern-there being no circumstances which would ment would locate the Home here. Why raise a suspicion that it was incurred outside the line of duty, and such injury is shown to have existed at discharge, it will be presumed that the injury was incurred in line of duty."

In a former decision in the case (July 14, 1896) the Department held: "To establish the incurrence of any injury in the service and line of duty, in the absence of a record there should be presented, as a rule, the testimony of persons who were present when the injury was received. There are, however, circumstances under which this rule may properly be ignored. For instance, where the command to which the soldier was attached was in action at the time of the incurrence it would be properly in accord with good. which the solder was attacked as in the time of the incurrence it favorable action. But what shall we say would be properly in accord with good or think when our brothers—yes, more practice and in harmony with the spirit

stances, was received in the line of duty, even though there were no eye-witnesses to the occurrence; but, on the other hand, when the operations of the command to which the soldier was attached were confined to a part of the country where the condition of war did not exist, acting as the agents of a State, exceuting the laws governing the draft in a peaceful community, where no actual conflict with the common enemy could take place, line of duty cannot be presumed, except upon the unqualified and direct testimony of eye-witnesses or record."

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REUNIONS.

Meetings of Survivors of the Great Conflict.

ILLINOIS.

The survivors of the Chicago Board of The survivors of the Chicago Board of Trade Battery will soon erect at Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago, a beautiful monument in memory of the deceased comrades, and the Secretary, J. A. Nourse, 175 Dearborn street, Chicago, is anxious to obtain the addresses of all living members; also, information of the death of way of the information of the death of men of the Battery. During the National Eacamp-ment 33 of the survivors met, these com-

ing from Connecticut to Minnesota Battery I, 2d Ill. L. A., held a Reunion during Grand Army Encampment at Chiduring Grand Army Encampment at Chicago. There were present at roll call:
Capt. Cleas. M. Barnett, Lient. Geo. T.
Ward, W. G. Putney, Rufus Stolp, Geo.
Stolp, J. R. Bedford, Thos. Saunders,
Henry Smith, Ed. Smith, Jas. S. Weatherly, Peter Countryman, Al. Lightall, Geo.
N. Hodge, Philip Deiter, Laeut. W. E.
Hayward and T. C. S. Brown. A very
enjoyable fime was had in talking over
the days of the camp, march, fighting and
other war incidents. W. G. Putney was
elected President and T. C. S. Brown,
G339 Jefferson avenue, Chicago, SecretaryTreasurer. Due notice will be given of

Treasurer. Due notice will be given of the next Reunion.

The 100th Ill, survivors met at Wilmington, HL, Sept. 20. Seventy-four reg-istered and fell in for rations. The Secretary had 37 letters of good cheer and of regrets. Capt. M. N. M. Stewart pre-sided. The meeting next year will be at Braidwood, Capt. Lines is President and Geo. Pickel Secretary.

The 14th Annual Reunion of the 234

INDIANA.

Thursday in October, 1991.

Eighty-seven comrades, over two-thirds of them accompanied by their wives and daughters, attended the 18th Annual Remaion of the Morton Rifles (34th Ind.), at wised as to what, if any, evidence was lacking, and all without avail. Under such circumstances laches cannot be attributed to him.

"Motion sustained and action reversed."

Work of the Pension Office.

The report of certificates issued for the week ending Oct. 13 shows:

Army invalid: Original, 34: increase and additional, 315: reissue, 34: restoration and renewal and reissue, etc., 1; restoration and renewal and renewal and restoration and renewal and restoration and renewal Hartford City, Ind.; S. F. Sours, Dunkirk Ind.; Lieut. J. E. Kelly, Bloom u.g.ton. Neb.; Lieut. Thombury Baldwin, Galveston, Ind.; Lieut. J. J. Mattox, Hartford City, Ind.; Lieut. Isaac Goodwin, Perth. Neb. Committee of Comrades, B. G. Shinn, Dan Waugh and Lee Martz, was appointed by the Chair to prepare Memorial Resolution. The following officers were chosen: Pres., A. E. Steele; V. P., F. M. Searles; Sec., C. B. Porter, Lincolnville, Ind. Several comrades were present for the first time since the close of the war. Some comrades met who had not seen each other since October, 1864, when discharged at New Orleans, La.

The 37th Ind. held its 19th Annual Resolution of the ensuing year were elected as

discharged at New Orleans, La.
The 37th Ind. held its 19th Annual Re-The 37th Ind. held its 19th Annual Re-union in the Court House in Indianapolis, Sept. 19, with 50 present. The officers for the year are W. C. Patton, President; Jos. W. Garrison, Vice-President; Thes. B. Peery, Treasurer; Will J. Crisen. Secre-tary, all of Greensburg, Ind. The next Reunion will be held in Greensburg, time to be fixed by the officers.

12. Fifty-three members were present, many accompanied by their wives and children. Rome City was chosen as the reissue, 4; restoration and renewal, 2; duplicate, 4; accrued, 4; total, 49.
Navy invalid (war with Spain): Original, 5; reissue, 2; total, 7.
Navy widow, etc.: Original, 4.
Navy widow (act of June 27, 1900):
Original, 7; duplicate, 1; total, 8.
Indian wars—Survivors: Original, 1; accrued, 1; total, 2.
Indian wars—Widows: Original, 1; duplicate, 1; total, 2.
Old war invalid: Accrued, 1.
Mexican War—Survivors: Increase and additional, 11; accrued, 8; total, 19.
Mexican War—Widows: Original, 8; duplicate, 3; total, 11. The Campfire was held in the V. B. Church at 7:30. The next Reunion will

be held at Ft. Wayne, October, 1901. IOWA. The veterans of the 30th Iowa met in Annual Reunion at Fort Madison Sept., 29, with 42 members present. The meet-ing was presided over by Maj. R. D. Cra-EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The action of the National Encampment at its Treas, H. W. Ogilbee, Birmingham, Iowa, Washington, Iowa, was selected as the

next place of Reunion. Survivors of the 35th Iowa held their reminiscences and recitations. The busi-ness meeting was held on the 11th. After the meeting adjourned the old boys formed a line and marched to the banquet hall sat down to a most bountiful repast. Toasts were responded to by several of the comrades, which concluded the exercises, and good-byes were said. The next Reunion will be held in Muscatine, in connection with Crocker's Iowa Brigade, In 1909

The Reunions of the gallant 35th Mass are always well attended, and this year 115 survivors assembled at Lexington. Points of interest about the historic old town were visited, and later a business meeting was held, resulting in the election

here are about 30 survivors. Of these Capt. Gilbert H. Reynolds, Lieut. Wilbur,

Y. met at G. A. R. Hall, Binghamton, Sept. 20, with over 75 survivors in attend-ance. Letters were received from Col. H. S. Fairchild, Lieut. Geo. H. Baldwin, C. C. Hamilton, E. M. Ruggles, J. A. Wood, C. F. Runkles, E. Zemsch. The Secretary reported the deaths since last year of Capt. Robert Brown, Lieut. S. W. North-rup, A. H. Stevens, E. A. Harris, J. B. Mallon, Wim. Tailby, Azor M. Curtis, J. M. Carpenter, Wim. H. Mayo, Manley S. er. Everything depends upon the surrounding conditions and circumstances,
coupled always with the fact that a case
should be proved by the highest class of
evidence that the alleged incurrence is susceptible of. If one alleges honorable discharge, it should be proved by record evicharge, it should be proved by record evidence. If one alleges hospital treatment

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all comrades who have not already done an comrades who have not already done so send a photo, with name and address. At the business meeting the following offi-cers were elected? Press., P. H. Pierson; V. P., Walter Riddle; Sec.-Treas., Jas. E. Northrup, Binghamton, N. Y. The next Reunion will be held at Union, N. Y., date o be fixed by officers of association.

PENNSYLVANIA. The Sixth Annual Encampment of the Juniata Valley Veteran Association, composed of the Countries of Bedford, Blair Centre, Fulton, Heatingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder and Union, will be held at Newport, Pa. Oct. 26 and 27; Thomas H. Milligan, President; Samuel Clay, Secretary.

110th Pa. at Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 30 and 31. Comrades of other organizations

and 31. Comrades of other organizations are invited to meet with us in Campfire on the evening of the 30th. F. B. Stewart, President, Washington, D. C.; Geo. W. Buck, Secretary, Altoona.

VERMONT. 17th Vt., at Brooks Post Hall, Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 30. Dennis E. May, Secretary, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Michigan Woman's Relief Corps.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The Auumn days in Michigan are the regally glorious days of all the year. The trees of forest, lawn and park are now radiant in eds, browns and yellows, so beautifully inted, so delicately shaded and so lavishly isplayed as to form a grand panorama of surpassing beauty. It is as though nature had donned her robes of state for a farewell jubilee. Talk of "imperialism?" Wherever the eye gazes is to be seen the high officials, the gold fringed with green The 14th Annual Reunion of the 234
Ind. Battery was held at New Haven.
Ind., Sept. 13, with a fair attendance. The following officers were elected: Pres., W.
H. Ringwalt; V. P., David Burket; Sec.,
Levi Craig. The next Reunion will be held in Fort Wayne, Ind., the second Thursday in October, 1901.

Eighty-gaven compales, over two-thirds and studded with countless diamonds in besoms and bask in their warmth through the months that follow. Such is the pic-ture upon which old and young must gaze for weeks in this State tempered by inland seas, where "Jack Frost" comes early and and intoxicates with a beauty wrought in colors of liewers, when almost every tree, shrub and plant is transformed into bouquets of such beauty and sweetness that one gazes in adoration and thanks his we for years have been doing a grand

ficers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: District President, Mrs. Austin; Vice-President, Mrs. Creusere. Fairbanks Corps, 10, Detroit, reported a boat ride on the river to Boise Blanc Island, given by the Post and Corps, which netted \$25 for the Corps treasury. So pleasant have

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The 74th Ind. held its 16th Annual Reunion at Pleasant Lake, Ind., Oct. 11 and 12. Fifty-three members were present, the property of the city Mrs. Mary E. Mather the companying the following the first of the city Mrs. Mary E. Mather the city Mrs. said: "Here we are met to tell each other what we have done during the past year and to formulate our plans for another.

* * The friendly clasp of the hand binds us closer to each other in the chain of Corps work. Muskegon Corps at the present time is in a flourishing condition. present time is in a flourishing condition, many new members thaving been added the past year." The reports made by the various Corps showed the Order to be in a prosperous condition. Mrs. Nellie Sprague, of Muskegon, gave a very complete report of the Chicago Convention, which she attended as a delegate from the Sixth. A claused was the reported to Convention. Sixth. A glance over the minutes of Conthe 129th Ind. at Chumbusco, Oct. 4, ville Corps has raised \$128 and placed in when the survivors were royally enter a monument fund. At no distant day they expect to erect a fine memorial for the veterans of '61. The graves of soldiers in their village cemetery have received atten-tion and a marker has been placed upon each mound. As these markers are furnished free by the Government when a request is made for them, there is no rea-son why one should not be placed by every soldier's grave. This is essentially wo-man's work, and the Corps in the smaller man's work, and the Corps in the smaller towns that have little relief work to do might bear this in mind. Sparta Corps, although not large cumerically, has erect-ed a new soldiers' monument, which was dedicated Memorial Day, and \$250 was raised by this little band of women, Brave nor the veterans in their midst.

hearts and true who forget not the needy Department President Annie E. Udell is capturing the hearts of her loyal supporters in her short itinerary around the State. She was an honored guest at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Soldiers, Sailors, S. V., and W. R. C. at Ithica, Sept. 20, where her Campfire talk was the feature of the evening. In fact, the gathering was a particularly notable one, as Past Department President Sara L. Brown presided as President of the Woman's Division, which was addressed by Mrs. Udell and Past Department President Sara A. C. Plummer, one of the finest speakers in this Department. and Past Department President Mrs. A. T. Bliss, who is loved for her loyalty, modsty and sweetness.—Cornelia S. Perry, Department Press Correspondent.

\$2.50 each month to its support.

Heintzelman Corps, San Diego, is much interested in patriotic work. Each month a joint meeting of Post and Corps is held, when both contribute to the entertain-

ment, the veterans generally taking as their subjects different battles. Each month the Corps devotes half an hour to some patriotic subject. This month a fair will be held to further increase the relief will be field to further increase the rehef funds, to which \$117.50 has been added recently by a lecture by 50b Burdette.

Antictam Post and Corps, Petaluma, commemorated the numbersary of Antictam by holding a joint meeting, at which comrades who had 30ken part in the battle related their experiences.

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A pleasant event in Appoint to Corps, Oakland, was the interfaliament recently tendered Department President Cora A. Merritt and her staff. Many prominent W. R. C. members were present.

Lincoln Corps, San Francisco, is a large, busy Corps. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne having resigned as Department Counsellor, Laura J. Robinson, Past Department President and member of Lincoln Corps, was appointed Counsellor by Department President Cora A. Merritt. Mrs. Kinne has been appointed National Counsellor. She is a member of Lincoln Corps.—LETTIE M. WINANS, Department Press Correspondent. Press Correspondent.

LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

National Affairs as Viewed by the Corresponding Secretary.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Through the columns of your paper I wish to send an open letter to the Ladies of the G. A. R., telling them that at last we have gained that for which we have waited so long, our lawful and legal right to stand side by side with our very own, the Grand Army of the Republic. At the National Convention in Chicago Gen. Leo Rassieur came to our headquarters the evening be-fore the opening session of our Conven-tion and said: "To-morrow I am coming to your Convention, and will ask that I may be obligated as a member of your Or-der." When the announcement was made der." When the announcement was made in the G. A. R. Encampment that he had been elected Commander-in-Chief, he, with Past Commander-in-Chief W. C. Johnson and the Committee on Greeting from the G. A. R., came into our Convention and asked to be obligated, saying he proposed to place us where we belonged, standing on the same level with him. Sisters, can you imagine what a proud and happy moment it was for us, who have been so patiently waiting for our own to come to us. It was an impressive sight when the us. It was an impressive sight when the highest officer in the G. A. R., with his comrades, stood on the platform and with bowed heads took the obligation. Every half with bands in proper sister in the hall, with hands in proper position, renewed the obligation with them. As soon as the ceremony was over a comrade, a member of our Order, said:

"A few years ago you were almost crushed by the falling of a brick house upon you. Very quietly and with womanly dignity you fought your way out. To-day the Commander-in-Chief removes the last brick, takes you by the hand, raises you to your feet places you in your feet. Wherever the eye gazes is to be seen the rich colors of the orient, the red dress of high officials, the gold fringed with green same platform. Sister, this means work for us. We must try and pay off a little more of the interest on the great debt we nore of the interest on the great debt we owe this Grand Army of ours. We can-not live long enough to pay the principal." In looking over the Journal of the Thir-ty-third Encampment I find this report from quite a number of States: "I believe there is a Ladies of the G. A. R. Circle, but we have no official report from it." Sisters, let the members of the G. A. R. in every State where there are Circles in every State where there are Circles know that you are in existence, and that you are ready for work. Let them know what you are doing. If there are States where no Circles exist, see that Circles are organized. Let us prove to our Commander-in-Chief that we are deserving his Creator for the glimpse of Heaven upon carth.

But the Antumn is here, and out into this wonderful beauty go the carnest workers of the W. R. C. upon missions of loyalty and love, strengthened and uplifted by their environments. Inspection and District Conventions are the tonics of the U. R. C. upon missions of District Conventions are the tonics of the U. R. C. upon missions of District Conventions are the tonics of the U. R. C. upon missions of District Conventions are the tonics of the U. R. C. upon missions of District Conventions are the tonics of the U. R. C. upon missions of U

Chicago Ladies of the G.A.R. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I am always anxious to see our beloved Order receive due recognition, and I shall continu

to address the columns of your paper, al-though I am no longer National Press though I am no longer National Press Correspondent.
I do not see any news from Chicago. The work of the Circles here is going on successfully, members being added to our rolls at every meeting. Col. James A. Sexton Circle, 43, added 20 members last quarter. It gave a special entertainment for the benefit of Galveston sufferers, and sent \$40 to the Department Commander of Texas, to be used for our comrades and their families in that district who might

need our aid.

Circle 4 gave a delightful card party
Oct. 2 and a raffle the following evening
that netted \$25, which will be used in caring for our "veteran band" the coming

The Department Commander of Illinois Judge Longehecker, recently lost a lovely daughter. We deeply sympathize with daughter. We deeply sympathize with him and his wife. One of our lovely daughters, Miss Jen-

One of our lovely daughters, Miss Jon-nie Flager, was married Oct. 19a-to Mr. Chas. Longfield. Her mother is a promi-nent member of our Order, and will no doubt be our next Department President. The wedding was solemnized under a can-opy of flags and bunting, and the bride has the best wishes from the "Ladies of the G. A. R." of Chicago.

I cannot refrain from reference to our Women's Soldiers' Home in Chicago. It is in the most promising condition. Its President is Mrs. Agnes J. Winslow, Past National President of our Order, and the Chairman of Relief and Management of the Home is Comrade E. Powers. The Home is intended for the infirm comrade and his wife, so they may spend their de-clining years together. We have 23 in-mates now supported entirely by our ef-forts. Each Circle helps, and we hope to enlarge the work and care for more and more every year,—Mrs. NELLIE UNDER-WOOD, Press Correspondent for Col.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: During the National Encampment, after 35 years of separation, the following members of Co. L. 2d Ill. L. A., met at a banquet at the Briggs House, where, after partak-ing of the many dainties the elaborate ta-ble offered, passed several hours in renewing old acquaintances and reciting many incidents of the war of '61-'65; J. B. Moore, Geneva Lake, Wis.; C. H. Felton, 529 N. Wells street, Chicago; C. F. Smale, 6615 Monroe avenue, Chicago; John F. 6615 Monroe avenue, Chicago; John F. Ryan, Centre avenue and Van Buren street, Chicago; Allen Reynolds, 480 Southwestern avenue, Chicago; J. O. Rich, 544 Haddon avenue, Chicago; J. B. Tapley, 8853 Throop street, Chicago; M. S. Tapley, 377 North Rockwell street, Chicago; Chas. L. Bigelow, 1020 North Halsted street, Chicago; John Fitzgibbons, 49 39th street, Chicago; Henry Lusher, 5330 South Morgan street, Chicago; Jas. Peters, 363 Grand avenue, Chicago; Jas. Peters, 363 Grand avenue, Chicago; A. M. Forbes, Chicago; Louis Schaefer.

Department Press Correspondent.

California and Nevada W.R.C.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Rawlins Corps, Stockton, recently celebrated its 14th anniversary. In connection with this event a reception was given to G. A. R. comrades and their families. Mrs. Tripp gave a history of the Corps. It has received unprecedented honors in the Department, its members having held every elective office in the California W. R. C. During the past 14 years it has expended for relief \$4.368.50, has furnished a room at the W. R. C. Home, Evergreen, at an expense of \$103.50, and is now giving \$2.50 each month to its support.

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following officers were elected: C. H. Felton, President; John F. Ryan, Vice President; C. F. Smale, Secretary; Allen Reynolds, Treasurer; Dr. Geo. Dale, Medical Director. C. F. SMALE, Michigan avenue, corner Lake street, Chicago, Ill. Michigan

Idaho State Soldiers' Home Destroyed by Fire. The Idaho State Soldiers' Home, in the valley, two miles from Boise, Idaho, was destroyed by fire on the evening of Oct. 9, rendering homeless over 80 veterans, Except one inmate, supposed to be Thomas Hayes, all escaped. The loss is estimated at about \$35,000, with an insurance of \$20,000. The origin of the fire is not known

Flames were discovered in the second story shortly after the evening meal, when Commandant Ainslee ordered out the bucket brigade. Later an alarm was sent to Boise, but when the fire department responded the flames were beyond control. All that now remains of this beautiful home are the blackened walls. This home was built in 1894.

Suggests Permanent Encampment Place. Comrade C. W. Cook, Grinnell, Iowa, suggests that the Grand Army fix upon some central point and hold the National Encampment there each year. He believes Chicago would be the most suitable place. He would like the views of other compaler.

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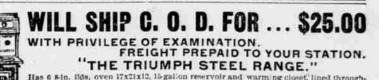
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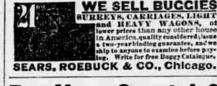


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